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SUBJECT: US POLICY ON FINANCING RESERVES OF FOOD AND RAW  
MATERIALS

REF: TOKYO 8047

1. RE REFTEL QUESTIONS RELATING TO TIN, SPECIFIC QUESTIONS  
CONCERNING USG ATTITUDE TOWARD NEW TIN AGREEMENT WERE  
RAISED BY GOJ OFFICIALS DURING JUNE 2-3 US-JAPAN CONSULTA-  
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TIONS ON UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, CHAIRED BY ASST.  
SECY (IO) BUFFUM. IN RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS WE  
INFORMED GOJ THAT ALTHOUGH USG WAS PARTICIPATING IN GENEVA  
UN TIN CONFERENCE, QUESTION OF US JOINING NEW TIN AGREEMENT

WAS PREMATURE. IN REACHING DECISION RE POSSIBLE US MEMBERSHIP WE WOULD FIRST HAVE TO EXAMINE CAREFULLY (AS WILL ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN GENEVA TIN CONFERENCE) AGREED TEXT OF FIFTH AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS CONSIDER US INDUSTRY AND CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARD US MEMBERSHIP (SHOULD USG DECIDE TO JOIN TIN AGREEMENT, AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO SENATE FOR RATIFICATION AS TREATY.)

2. REGARDING QUESTION RAISED BY GOJ REPORTED REFTTEL ON IMPLICATIONS OF OUR POSITION ON TIN BUFFER STOCK ARRANGEMENTS FOR US APPROACH ON FOOD RESERVES, YOU SHOULD REITERATE POSITION CLEARLY SET FORTH BY SECRETARY IN HIS MAY 28

SPEECH AND ELSEWHERE THAT US CONSIDERATION OF COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. THIS MEANS THAT US CONSIDERS CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTING WITH RESPECT TO INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY SITUATIONS ARE SUFFICIENTLY DISTINCT SO THAT WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AND IN FACT IMPOSSIBLE TO PRESUME THAT PRINCIPLES APPLYING TO ONE COMMODITY OR COMMODITY SECTOR CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER.

3. IN THE CASE OF FOOD RESERVES WHOSE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO AVOID HUMAN MISERY FROM LACK OF FOOD, US HAS ANNOUNCED IT BELIEVES IMPORTING COUNTRIES SHOULD SHARE IN COST OF MAINTAINING ADEQUATE RESERVES IN AN INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK. IN US VIEW, COSTS OF NATIONALLY-HELD STOCKS WOULD BE BORNE NATIONALLY, WITH POSSIBILITY OF SOME SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR LDC PARTICIPANTS IN SUCH A FRAMEWORK. IN CASE OF TIN, NATIONAL STOCKPILES ARE NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION, BUT RATHER INTERNATIONALLY-HELD AND CONTROLLED BUFFER STOCK AS AN ELEMENT IN AN INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICE STABILIZATION AGREEMENT. KISSINGER

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